

# **Governor's Conference on the Future of Water in Kansas**

*November 9 & 10*

*Zoom Online Conference Sessions*

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## **1:30 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2020**

### **Opening Session/Welcome**

*Earl Lewis, Director, Kansas Water Office*

### **Progress on the Kansas Water Plan & Vision for the Future of Water in Kansas**

*Cara Hendricks, Assistant Director, Kansas Water Office*

### **Governor Laura Kelly**

### **Patrick Decker, President and CEO, Xylem Inc.**

### **Day 2 Preview**

*Earl Lewis, Director, Kansas Water Office*

## **8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

### **Day 2 Opening Comments**

*Earl Lewis, Director, Kansas Water Office*

### **Student Poster Awards**

*Dan Devlin, Director, Kansas Center for Agricultural Resources and the Environment (KCARE)*

### **Surface Water Issues (Continuation of Day 2 Opening Session)**

- Taking the Pulse on Water Quality in 2020 – Tom Stiles (KDHE)
- Aquatic Nuisance Species - Status, Impacts, and Opportunities in Kansas – Chris Steffen (KDWPT)
- Developing a Multi-use Restoration Plan for Midwest Streams – Michael Heller (JEO Consulting Group)

### **Groundwater Issues (10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)**

- Quivira/Big Bend GMD5 Update – Orrin Feril (GMD5)
- Certified Irrigator Program Development – Shannon Kenyon (GMD4)
- A Tale of Two Producers – Kylen Hunt (Kylen Hunt & Co)

### **Infrastructure (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.)**

- Community Affordability in Small Water Systems – Michelle DeHaven (WSU Environmental Finance Center)
- Urban Tree Cover Impacts on Stormwater Management – Andrew Larson (JEO Consulting Group)
- In Spite of COVID-19, now may be the time to address our water infrastructure needs – Tracy Streeter (Burns & McDonnell)

### **Research Topics (2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

- Treating Produced Water for Beneficial Reuse: Results from a Pilot Project in Kansas – Edward Peltier (KU)
- DropXL Sorghum: A trait technology package to deliver water-optimized sorghum varieties – Rubi Raymundo (KSU)
- Solutions to Declining Resources in Agriculture – Economics, Technical Innovations, and FEWtures – Mary Hill (KU)